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In re the Application of:

Joseph HERBST

Art Unit: 2186

Application No.: 09/602,474

Examiner: Saumil R. Shah

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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR MANAGING MEMORY IN A NETWORK
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 24, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below. This response complies with the amendment format as set forth in 68 Fed. Reg. 38611 dated June 30, 2003.

Amendments to the claims are submitted on page 2.

Remarks are submitted on page 10.